

U.S. Army Materiel Command Band Chief Warrant Officer 3 Frederick Ellwein



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Frederick Ellwein, a native of Sioux Falls, S.D., started his military career by enlisting as a euphonium player in the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1979.

Ellwein earned a Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Education from South Dakota State University.

After assuming command of the 147th Army Band in 1989, Ellwein led his unit on two successful overseas deployments to Central America and produced two compact discs. The CDs, titled “Infinite Variety” (1996) and “Sergeant Rock” (1999), featured musical selections from all of the principal ensembles of the 147th Army Band.

Ellwein’s most recent assignment was at U.S. Army Human Resources Command as the Reserve Component Staff Bands Officer, Department of the Army Staff Bands Office. His responsibilities included technical evaluation, policy and resource management, Army Component liaison and administrative oversight for all Army Reserve and Army National Guard bands.

Ellwein’s military awards include; the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

His civilian employment as a music educator began in 1983, most recently with positions as Director of Bands and Jazz Studies at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and Director of Bands at Rapid City South Middle School. Ellwein previously held positions as Associate Director of Bands, Rapid City Central High School, and Director of Bands, Mitchell High School, Mitchell, SD.

In the area of music education, Ellwein co-founded the South Dakota All-State Jazz Festival in 1988. During his tenure leading the Rapid City Central High School Jazz Ensemble his bands garnered top awards at such prestigious events as the UNC-Greeley Jazz Festival in Colorado, and the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of

Idaho. Additionally, Ellwein served on the summer faculty of Wheaton College, Ill., as adjunct instructor for jazz improvisation studies.

He is a member of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, past-president of the Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, a member of the International Association for Jazz Education and has been named four times to Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Ellwein is married to Sgt. Maj. Dianne Ellwein who is currently assigned as Chaplain's Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains, National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va. They have three children; T.J., age 15; Kaitlin, age 13; and Austin, age 6.